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For: METHODS FOR COEXPRESSION OF MORE THAN
ONE GENE IN EUKARYOTIC CELLS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

July 12, 2002

Sir:

The present preliminary amendments are respectfully submitted
in the present application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-18 without prejudice or disclaimer of
the subject matter contained therein.

Please add the following new claims.

19. A recombinant nucleic acid sequence comprising:

(a) a transcriptional promoter;

(b) a first structural gene expressible in eukaryotic cells
linked to said transcriptional promoter;

(c) a nucleic acid sequence of plant viral origin designated
as an internal ribosome entry site (IRES) and capable of promoting
cap-independent expression of 5'-distal genes in eukaryotic cells
from bicistronic and/or polycistronic mRNAs;

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